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SUBJECT: EL CASO CARRILLO: WAVES INTO RIPPLES

1. CONTRAY TO THE IMPRESSION APPARENTLY LEFT BY SOME OF THE INTER-
NATIONAL PRESS, NEITHER THE SPANISH PUBLIC NOR EVEN THE MEDIA IS
TAKING ANY MORE NOTICE OF CARRILLO'S OVERT PRESENCE IN MADRID THAN
ONE WOULD EXPECT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND LESS
THAN ONE MIGHT HAVE ANTICIPATED. HE HAS RAPIDLY BECOME ONE AMONG
MANY NEWSWORTHY POLITICAL ACTS IN TOWN. TO DATE PRESS ATTACKS,
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RIGHT WING "ALCAZAR", ON HIM HAVE BEEN
ALMOST ABSENT, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY SLOWLY CHANGE,
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2. IF ANYTHING, THERE HAS BEEN A NEARLY AUDIBLE SIGH OF BLIEF
ON THE PART OF THE COUNTRY' LEADING POLITICALIANS AND PUBLICATIONS
WHO HAVE COMPLIMENTED THE GOVT'S HANDLING OF THE CASE,
WHICH MOST VIEW AS AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD DEMYTHIFYING
CARRILLO AND TERMINATING THE PCE'S SELF SERVING STATUS AS POLITICAL
MARTYR, AND TURNED TO THE IMPORTANT POLITICAL TASKS AT HAND.

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FROM WHICH CARRILLO'S OBTRUSIVE "CLANDESINITY" WAS A TROUBLE
SOME DISTRACTION.

3. AS THE CARRILLO CASE HAS DEVELOPED, PARTICULARLY SINCE HIS
RELEASE ON DEC 30, IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT HE AND THE
SUAREZ GOVT. SHARE A COMMONH POLITICAL INTEREST: FOR QUITE
DIFFERNET REASONS, NEITHER ADVERSARY WANTS ANY "SPECIAL
TREATMENT",.ACCORDED THE PCE SECGEN IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE.
THE GOVT IS TREATING CARRILLO LIKE ANY OTHER COMMUNIST, IN ORDER
TO CUT HIM DOWN TO SIZE AND
PREVENT HIM FROM BECOMING TOO DISCORDANT AN ELEMENT IN THE
DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS. (HIS SCHEDULED DEC 30 PRESS CONFERENCE
WAS CANCELLED BY THE GOVT. BUT HE HAS SINCE MET OFTEN
WITH SMALLER GROUPS OF JOURNALISTS). CARRILLO, IN RESPONSE
OBVIOUSLY QUITE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVT'S POSTURE TOWARD
HIM SINCE HIS AIM IS THE LEGALIZATION OF THE PCE. HAS COMPLIMENT
IT ON THE HANDLING OF HIS CASE.

4. CARRILLOS ACTIVITIES SINCE HIS RELEASE HAVE HARDLY BEEN
SPECTACULAR. HE HAS PARTICIPATED IN PCE LEDERSHIP GET
TOGETHERS AND JOINED HIS FAMILY IN CLECBRATING THE HOLIDAYS
TODAY, HOWEVER, HE REPORTEDLY WILL PARTCIIPATE IN THE SCHEDULED
MEETING OF THE OPPOSITIONS NINE MEMBER NEGOTIATING TEAM (THE
PCE HAS INSISTED SINCE THE CREATION OF THE TEAM THAT CARILLO
WAS ITS REPRESENTATIVE, WITH SANCHEZ MONETRO JUST "SUBSTITUTING
TEMPORARILY"). DURING THIS AFTERNOONS SESSION, THE TEAM REPORTED
WILL DECIDE ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP WHICH WILL
ACTUALLY MEET FORMALLY WITH SUAREZ, WHO HAS TOLD THE GROUP
REPRESENTATIVES, TIERNO GALVAN AND PUJOL, THAT HE WOULD NOT SIT
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DOWN WITH A REPRESENATIVE OF THE PCE. THE COMMUNISTS, IN TURN
HAVE STATED PUBLICLY THAT THEY ARE FLEXIBLE ON THIS QUESTION
AND WOULD NOT INSIST ON BEING PRESENT IF IT WOULD UNDERMINE THE
NEGOTIATION. HOWEVER, HOW THIS ISSUE WILL COME OUT IT NOT YET KNOWN.
THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THAT CARRILLOJS
RELEASE, THE PROSPECT OF IMMINENT NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE PCE'S
FLEXIBILITY WERE ALL PART OF A GOVT OPPOSITION PACKAGE EVEN IF
ONLY IMPLIED).

5. THERE ARE OBVIOUS DANGERS IN CARRILLO'S OPEN PRESENCE IN
MADRID, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS THAT ULTRA RIGHTISTS COULD
TRY TO KILL HIM. FOR THAT REASON THE GOVT, REPORTEDLY HAS
PROVIDE POLICE PROTECTION (TO SUPPLEMENT HIS SMALL
PRAETORIAN GUARD OF BOXERS AND ONE KARATE EXPERT), THIS
RESISENCE IN THE MADRID WORKING CLASS QUARTER OF VALECAS, IT
ALSO IS A CERTAINLY THAT, IN SPITE OF HIS CURRENT TACTICAL ENCOUR
AGEMENT OF THE GOVT, HE WILL SOON BE VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THE
PCE'S CAMPAIGN FOR LEGALIZATION, UNDER THESLOGAN "LIBERTY IS
INDIVISIBLE", HOWEVER COULD TURN TO PRESSSURE TACTICS AND POPULAR

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MOBILIZATIONS. HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF THE DANGERS ANDINCOVENIENCES
WHICH ADHERE TO HIS OVERT POLITICAL ACTIVIY
CARRILLO'S RELEASE FROM PRISON FOR THE MOMENT DEFUSED AN ISSUE
AND THUS ENHANCED THE
GOS ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO STEER THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS
IN THE DIRECTION OF ITS CHOSSING.STABLER

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